

TREE TRIMMER

DEFINITION

Under immediate supervision, is responsible for pruning trees on and removing trees from city property; performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all of the duties that may be performed.)

Prunes and removes trees using chain saws and pole saws;

Operates an aerial lift or climbs trees using ropes and saddle to reach limbs to prune or remove;

Operates machinery such as chipper, log loader and stump grinder;

Maintains machinery and vehicles in proper operating condition by checking fluid levels, greasing parts and sharpening or replacing chainsaw and chipper blades;

Performs safety inspections on ropes, saddles, chain saws and other equipment;

Cleans worksite of debris upon job completion using rakes, brooms and shovels;

Drives trucks to and from worksite;

Drives commercial motor vehicles, which require a commercial driver's license;

Responds to emergency storm calls on a twenty-four hour basis;

Plants and maintains trees on city property;

May act as Tree Trimmer Supervisor in his or her absence.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

One (1) year of experience pruning and/or removing trees using a rope and saddle for climbing. Substitution: A certificate of completion of an approved tree climbing course from an institute recognized by the National Arborist Association or the International Society of Arboriculture may substitute for the year of experience.

Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

By the completion of the probationary period, must possess a valid, Class A or B, commercial motor vehicle operator's license allowing operation of vehicles with air brakes.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

General knowledge of the methods and equipment used in pruning and removing trees; general knowledge of the kinds and characteristics of trees commonly planted on city property; general knowledge of safety practices used in this field; general knowledge of the use of knots and ropes in tree trimming and removal; some knowledge of tree trimming equipment and vehicle maintenance; ability to climb trees which may reach 50 to 100 feet in height; ability to follow written and oral instructions; ability to communicate effectively with the public.

Probationary Period:	365 Days
Examination:	Noncompetitive
Class Code:	3760
Job Family:	Labor & Maintenance
EEO Job Category:	Service-Maintenance
Compensation Plan:	AFSCME
Salary:	Range 20-22
Class established:	04-08-63
Current spec:	08-26-02
Commission action taken:	Revise
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